Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 19 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 20 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023 at 16:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday and Friday. Low for extent of any rain over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 19 Oct 2023: Rain spreading north, stormy at first but winds easing later

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
High Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	30%	60%	60%	40%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Weather: A dry start but mostly light and patchy rain spreading north in the morning. The afternoon and evening will be cloudy with rain, this most persistent across northern and eastern Argyll along with southern Lochaber. Drier weather edging north later in the afternoon and through the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance along the Great Glen, and more widely in the west by evening

Low Cloud and visibility: Starting off mostly very good but cloud down to 750 metres across the Trossachs. Low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres soon becoming more widespread through the morning and afternoon. Low cloud lifting and breaking from the tops in the evening across the west of the area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	63/79 E	58/75 E	60/77 E	67/85 E	60/78 E	51/66 E	46/61 E	52/69 E	57/77 E
900	51/69 SE	49/68 E	46/63 E	48/66 E	45/62 E	39/54 SE	35/51 SE	40/58 E	45/66 E
600	53/70 SE	50/63 E	44/58 E	47/63 E	52/68 E	48/63 SE	40/56 SE	46/63 E	53/74 E
300	21/36 E	19/29 NE	20/34 NE	28/45 E	29/47 E	27/43 E	23/40 E	26/45 E	32/54 E
Glen	24/38 NE	21/37 NE	17/36 NE	17/37 NE	17/38 E	21/41 E	17/35 E	18/38 E	17/36 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-9	0/-9	0/-10	1/-9	2/-7	4/-4	4/-4	3/-5	2/-7
900	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3	6/-2	6/0	6/0	6/-1	5/-2
600	10/3	7/1	6/-0	7/1	8/2	10/4	10/5	10/4	9/2
300	9/5	9/5	9/5	10/5	10/6	11/7	11/7	10/6	10/5
Glen	11/7	11/8	11/8	12/9	13/10	13/10	13/10	13/10	12/9
Freezing Level*	2200m	2200m	2600m	2800m	2700m	2800m	2700m	2500m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very stormy on the summits with gusts of 80 to 90 mph expected and a high risk of being blown over. Drenching conditions developing in rain along with notable wind chill. Winds will moderate somewhat through the afternoon and evening.

Forecast for Friday 20 Oct 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of rain across the south of the area, this most persistent and heaviest in the morning. Elsewhere more in the way of drier weather but remaining rather cloudy. Rain will turn to snow above 800 to 1000 metres through the day as colder air edges southwestwards.

Maximum wind: Easterly 70 to 80 mph on the summits, moderating towards evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance across southern Lochaber and western Argyll

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, although only small amounts of cloud expected in the northwest of the area

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius falling to 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 900 metres

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